

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2007:

Applicant requests an interview with the Examiner to discuss the attached amendment to claim 16. The purpose of the interview is to present a rejected claim in better form for consideration on appeal. 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2).

- A. The Office Action rejected claim 16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Siegfried. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

A single prior art reference anticipates a claimed invention only if it discloses each and every claim element.¹ “For a prior art reference to anticipate...every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference...These elements must be arranged as in the claim under review.”²

As to amended claim 16, Siegfried does not disclose:

a central axis extending between the front and rear of the housing
and a manually adjustable trigger pressure adjustment mechanism
substantially coaxial with the central axis of housing.

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendment to claim 16 as indicated above. No new matter is introduced. The amendment clarifies the direction in which the central axis of the housing runs and adds the limitation of trigger pressure adjustment, which is found in the originally filed specification.

With this amendment, the manually adjustable trigger adjustment mechanism 72 of Siegfried clearly is not substantially coaxial with the central axis, but perpendicular to it. “Substantially” is not a broad enough modifier to read upon element 72 with respect to the central axis of the housing.

Furthermore, the manually adjustable trigger adjustment mechanism 72 of Siegfried does not adjust the trigger pressure, but the trigger release delay. See Col. 3 lines 13-30.

¹ *Structural Rubber Prod. Co. v. Park Rubber Co.*, 749 F.2d 707, 223 USPQ 1264 (Fed. Cir. 1984)

² *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990)

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Respectfully submitted,

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